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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

A pair of stiffener members 36 is attached to the side rails 26, respectively. As can be seen from FIGS. 2 and 4, the stiffener members 36 are received into a groove 37 that extends substantially along the entire length of the exposed side 18 of each side rail 62. Once the stiffener members 36 are received into the groove, the stiffener members 36 are attached to the side rails 62. The stiffener-members 36 are attached to the side rails 26 on the exposed side-18 of the frame assembly 16. The stiffener members 36 may be formed of aluminum sheet material or as extruded aluminum pieces. The stiffener members 36 may be joined to the side rails by mechanical fasteners or welds. The stiffener members 36 provide additional support for the side rails 26 at the joint connections between the side rails 26 and bottom rail 24. Hereinaster, the joint connections between the side rails 26 and the bottom rail 24 will be referred to as "bottom corner joints". The top corner joints are hereinafter assigned reference numeral "38" and the bottom corner joints are assigned reference numeral "40". The top corner joints 38 and bottom corner joints 40 in the first embodiment of the rear case assembly 12 shown in Figs. 1-4 are comprised of welds.